

JULY 7, 2004 MEETING
374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
MINUTES

Present

Commissioners

Steven Afriat, President
Renee Campbell, Vice President
James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo
Diana Wood

County Representatives

Veronica Giles-Kinney, DHS
Environmental Health
Jacqueline Harris, Sheriff
Albert Kelly, County Counsel
Steve Jimenez, Treasurer-Tax
Mark Stevens, Sheriff

Court Reporter

Kimberly Anton

Commission Services Staff

Steve Erickson

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of June 30, 2004 – Approved

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

**Boys Republic
3493 Grand Avenue
Chino Hills, CA**

**Multiservice Family Center, Inc.
101 N. La Brea Ave., Suite 301
Inglewood, CA**

ACTION TAKEN: The Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications were approved.

Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal Mesa, Friends of the East L.A. Library, reported on illegal parking violations by street vendors and on the lack of parking enforcement in the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY MASSAGE TECHNICIAN
LICENSE #130827**

Kay Lee Hwang
3500 E. Colorado Blvd., #102
Pasadena – Fifth District

Steve Jimenez, Treasurer Tax, reported that TTC had referred the new application to the Sheriff's Department for a background check. He further reported that the applicant's business location has a current county massage parlor license and that he isn't aware of any complaints against this business.

Sergeant Mark Stevens, Sheriff's Department, explained why his department recommended denial of the above license. The LASD background checked revealed that in 2001 the Los Angeles Police Department arrested the applicant for prostitution, but she pleaded to a lesser charge of disturbing the peace. She also voluntarily resigned her city massage permit.

Donald Rich, attorney for the applicant, explained that this was the only arrest on her record and described the LAPD sting operation that led to her arrest.

The applicant Ms. Hwang also described the sting operation and denied the allegations of prostitution.

Jacqueline Harris, Sheriff's Department, reported that there was prostitution activity at the business location at 3500 E. Colorado Blvd. under a previous business owner.

Commissioner Robledo spoke on the problem of prostitution in Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County. Other commissioners spoke on the possibility of a language barrier in the LAPD sting operation.

ACTION TAKEN: **The Commission rejected the recommendation to deny the above license and approved the license subject to a 90-day review.**

Motion: **Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell**

Ayes: **President Afriat, Vice President Campbell and Commissioners Barger and Wood**

No: **Commissioner Robledo**

Vote: **Duly carried**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PEDDLER-COMMERCIAL
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE NO. 0605-116970**

Raul R. Hernandez
649 S. Humphrey's Ave.
Los Angeles – First District

Steve Jimenez, TTC, reported on a parking citation issued to Jose Guzman, operator of the applicant's catering truck, for failure to observe the county's 30-minute parking rule.

The applicant confirmed that Mr. Guzman works for him, that he sets Mr. Guzman's work hours and rents the truck to him.

Steve Jimenez noted that the business license is only valid for owner-operators and that Mr. Guzman had been driving the truck using an Oregon driver's license.

Philip Greenwald, attorney for the applicant, noted that the applicant wasn't present when the citation was issued and emphasized that the applicant's business license is excepted from County Code 7.62.050 because it operates out of a fixed location. He also noted that the Los Angeles Superior Court and the DMV had dismissed the citation and that Judge Sandoval of the Los Angeles Superior Court had ruled the county's 30 minute parking rule was in violation of state law.
(Vice President Campbell was excused from the meeting).

Veronica Giles-Kinney, DHS Environmental Health, noted that there were no problems reported in the April 2004 inspection of the catering truck, but described a few citations of the truck from year 2000 inspection reports. She also discussed various health requirements for catering truck licenses.

Sal Mesa, Friends of the East Los Angeles Library, requested denial of the above license.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission accepted the recommendation to deny the above license.

Motion: Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

After Mr. Greenwald inquired about the basis for denial of the license, President Afriat noted that Judge Sandoval's ruling only concerned the 30-minute parking rule in one region of the County. Therefore, the Commission couldn't grant a license which could be operated County-wide.

President Afriat informed the applicant and his attorney that they would be mailed information on the applicant's appeal rights.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SOLICIT AND ISSUANCE OF INFORMATION CARD

Restore – A Renewal Center for Women, Inc.
P.O. Box 19790
Los Angeles

The applicant was not present for the hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission took the matter off calendar.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING): The Commission received a complaint against a non-profit organization for which the Commission had issued a county information card. The complainant suggested that the City of Los Angeles had revoked the organization's city information card for charitable solicitations. The Commission directed staff to invite this organization to appear before the Commission if it could be confirmed that their city information card had been revoked.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: As suggested by Commissioner Barger, the Commission will request the Health Department, Sheriff's Department, Treasurer-Tax and County Counsel to provide the Commission an overview on department regulations for catering truck licenses.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Steven Afriat
President